

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

1. (Original) A communication system comprising:

a client-side group email folder accessible by each user in a predefined group of users; and

a group email message in the client-side group email folder, the group email message having indicators, each indicator corresponding to a user in the predefined group of users, each indicator being configured to indicate whether the corresponding user has acted upon the group email message.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each indicator comprises a first setting, the first setting indicating that the group email message has not been acted upon by the corresponding user.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein each indicator further comprises a second setting, the second setting indicating that the group email message has been acted upon by the corresponding user.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each indicator is further indicative of whether the corresponding user has selected the group email message.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each indicator is further indicative

of whether the corresponding user has opened the group email message.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a second indicator indicative of whether the corresponding user has deleted the group email message.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for indicating whether a user has deleted the group email message.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is an extensible markup language (XML) tag corresponding to a user in the predefined group.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each user represents a unique individual.

10. (Currently Amended) A communication method ~~comprising the steps of:~~
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providing indicators in a group email message, the group email message being located in an inbox, each indicator corresponding to one of the users in a predefined group of users, each indicator having a ~~setting;~~ setting, each indicator configured to indicate whether the corresponding user has acted upon the group email message; and

changing the setting of one indicator in response to the email message being acted upon by its corresponding user.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~the step of~~ providing indicators comprises ~~the step of~~ providing read indicators, each read indicator corresponding to one user in a predefined group of users, each read indicator being

configured to indicate whether its corresponding user has read the email message.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~the step of~~ providing indicators comprises ~~the step of~~ providing delete indicators, each delete indicator corresponding to one user in a predefined group of users, each delete indicator being configured to indicate whether its corresponding user has deleted the email message.